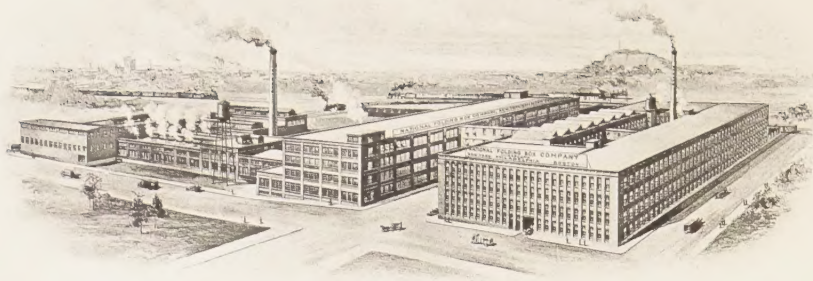


Subject: Napoleonic French Revolutionary
Coinage

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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

H. S. HINKLE
Chairman of the Board

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

June 9, 1937.

Gentlemen:-

Could you inform me whether, under the Napoleonic Empire period, the 5-franc silver piece was struck bearing the consecutive dates of the revolutionary years, that is, from revolutionary year 1 up to 13, where, I believe, such dating was abandoned and over the period from 1792 to 1815.

I am trying to get such a set together and have them for years VIII, XI, XII, XIII, but do not seem to see them for any of the other years, either listed or offered for sale. Perhaps you can give me some information on this as a member.

Very truly yours,

H. S. Hinkle

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*coins bearing portraits of Napoleon come only
in years. XI XII XIII XIV gold & silver date coins begin
in 1806.
5 Fr. Louis XVI head + angel type 3rd & 5th year of Liberty
2 Liras Angel + tablet type year II
5 Fr. Hercules type
6 7 8 9 10 11 = 1802 - Sept 21 1803
no silver of years 5*

June 10, 1937

Mr. H. S. Hinkle,
National Folding Box Company,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

In answering your question, I might as well give you all of the information we have concerning the dating of the coins beginning with the French Revolution.

Six livre pieces of Louis XVI, with his head, and bearing the angel type reverse come in the 4th and 5th year of Liberty, or 1792 and 1793. Smaller size pieces come also of the year 3. Then they started a new era, and we find six livre pieces without the head of Louis of the angel in tablet type, dated Year 2. There were no coins dated Year 3.

Then the 5 francs of the Hercules type came dated Year 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. This Revolutionary year began September 22nd. Therefore a coin of the 11th year was issued between Sept. 22, 1802 and Sept. 21, 1803. There were no silver coins struck in the year 5. All the coins bearing the head of Napoleon. We get them in gold and silver of all denominations bearing the years 11, 12, 13 and 14. Consequently there were two types of the year 11.

I think this answers all of your questions.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks



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Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

June 21, 1937.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

With apology, I bother you once again
with the request to clarify the information in your
appreciated letter of the 10th.

Do I understand from it that (a) there
were no 5-franc silver pieces either struck or dated
in the Revolutionary years 1, 2, and 3, and (b) no
such pieces struck or so dated after Revolutionary
year 14?

Thanking you for information on these
points, I am

Very truly yours,

H. S. Hinkle

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1789 ^{5fr.} Pieces of the ^{old} Tyne gold silver & copper
1790 " " " " " " " " " " " "
1791 " " " " " " " " " " " "
all 6 lines pieces of 1791 Patterns
the republican era came to an end Dec 31 1801
beginning with 1806 the dates are given in the
Christian era.

June 22, 1937

Mr. H. S. Hinkle,
National Folding Box Company,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

I am herewith trying to clear up the points I did not touch on or which you did not understand.

We put the beginnings of the French Revolution in 1789. The pieces for that year and 1790 were just the same as those struck previously. This includes the two gold pieces, the several silver pieces and the three copper pieces. For 1791 the two gold pieces and the three copper pieces were the old type. With the silver, only the 6 and the 3 livres were of the old type, the 30 and the 15 sols were the new type, that is including the second date, "Year 3" plus the bronze or bell metal pieces. In 6 livre pieces dated 1791 with the Republican Era as well were simply pattern pieces, 66 which about a dozen different designs were made. Therefore the beginnings of the Republican coinage started in 1791 and were wholly of the Republican type in 1792.

The Republican Era came to an end Dec. 31, 1805. Consequently the pieces dated "Year 14" were made the last few months of that year only. Consequently, the coinage made after Jan. 1, 1806, bore the date 1806 or subsequent years.

I trust this answers all your inquiries.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks